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Unique Partnership Benefits the Environment from Maplewood Flats to Clayoquot Sound

Six ecologically-sensitive regions in British Columbia are getting a helping hand this summer through a unique partnership between the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia and Capilano College.

A monetary grant from the Foundation will allow eight students from the College's Environmental Science Post-Baccalaureate Diploma program to work in the regions on land use and land stewardship practicums. Conducted in partnership with community groups and local government, these practicums will benefit the communities, the students, and the Real Estate Foundation, which will house the final reports of the students' activities.

"The Real Estate Foundation is interested in land use decisions, and its focus is on sustainability, so all practicums have a land use component," says **Vicky Troup**, coordinator of the Environmental Science Program at Capilano College. "These practicums are very worthwhile. We get frequent requests from people to see the reports, which are public documents."

Projects this summer include:

- assisting in the development of a forest management plan for the District of North Vancouver
- surveying vegetation and wildlife for Wild Bird Trust in Maplewood Flats, Shoreline Park, and sites in the Squamish Estuary
- assessing slope stability and monitoring the sediment budget in the Clayoquot Watershed



Christiana Mulholland (left) and Traci Warkentin gather information about the habitat for Wild Bird Trust at Maplewood Flats in North Vancouver. Their work is part of a practicum which was funded by the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia.

- addressing environmental and sustainable issues in Burrard Inlet
- rehabilitating and maintaining fish habitat and preserving the traditional recreational use of the Chapman Gray Creek Watershed on the Sechelt Peninsula
- assisting the Lillooet Community Resources Board in developing strategies for sustainable resource use and land management.

"The Real Estate Foundation allows us to form a partnership with agencies who might otherwise be unable to take students, so we're really forming three-way partnerships," Vicky explains, adding, "Most of these projects wouldn't get done if it wasn't for the Foundation's grant."

All 23 students in the demanding graduate program have degrees in a science or applied science discipline. They are required to do two semesters in

the classroom, plus a summer field school program and an individual practicum. Other classmates are involved in practicums that are paid for by sources such as the Vancouver International Airport, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, B.C. Ministry of Environment, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and private industry.

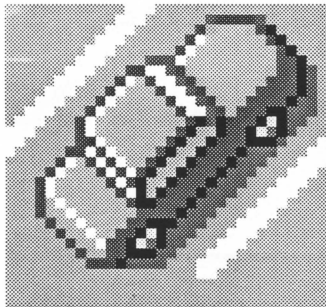
Through classroom studies and the fieldwork and practicum components, students acquire practical skills and knowledge for dealing with environmental issues and solving environmental problems.

"The Real Estate Foundation has been invaluable to the program," Vicky continues. "Invaluable to the students in launching their careers, as well as to the recipients of the data. We are very grateful and appreciative of their support."

Parking Pass Winner Doubles His Luck

Psychology instructor **Paul Avery** was the winner of a one year free parking pass when his ticket was drawn on Thursday, June 27. Paul's prize doubled in value to \$180 from \$90 when College president Dr. Greg Lee announced July 3 that parking rates at the North Vancouver campus would increase immediately.

Parking rates have increased to:
\$180 per year
\$100 per term



\$30 per month
\$2 per day

Current monthly, term and yearly passes will continue to be honored. Pay parking passes can be purchased from Impark on weekdays from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. outside Purchasing in the Arbutus building. Hours of sale will be extended August 12 to September 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in AR011.

Car-pool parking will continue to be free for students and employees with three or more persons to a single car. Car-pool registration is available from Purchasing at local 2904.



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PEOPLE

Congratulations to **Lynn Jest**, who has been appointed director of the Contract Services and Extension Division of Capilano College. Lynn has been acting in this position since February 1, 1996.

Jacques Morris, computer technician in Computer Services, is recuperating at home after receiving a bone marrow transplant on May 23. Jacques has been off work since March, when he discovered he had

leukemia. He received a transplant from a donor who was flown over from Europe. Best wishes, Jacques, for a speedy recovery!

Valerie Cochran, instructor with the Legal Assistant Program and Labour Studies, has been appointed to the position of executive director of Employee Relations. Valerie replaces **Geoff Holter**, who left the College in February to join the B.C. Medical Association.



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Good with Figures and Words

Essay Winner Off to Ireland

A 250-word essay entitled, "Why I should win a trip to Ireland," put **Iris Cunningham**, staff payroll clerk, on a plane for that country on July 24.

While there, Iris plans to study Irish at the Gleann Cholm Cille Scoil in Donegal, Eire. But she has an even more important date to keep.

"My mother died in Vancouver in March '95," Iris says. "Her wish was to be buried in Ireland with her parents. I had her remains cremated and carried them to Ireland in August of that year. I searched for my grandparents' grave for five weeks, but I could not locate it."

One week after returning home, Iris received a telephone call from her aunt in Ireland. Her cousin, who had been in Spain while she was there, had returned home and knew where the grave was. Unable to afford the return airfare for at least three years, Iris entered the first Canadian Aer Lingus Living Tradition Scholarship Essay contest with only



Iris Cunningham

one day to make the deadline. On December 27, she received a call from the Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Regional Board of Canada, sponsors of the contest, informing her that she was the winner.

"When I was a small child," Iris says, "I remember saying to my mother, 'When everyone else is bigger and stronger than I am, how can I win?' and my mother replied, 'When you have God on your side, how can you lose?' For that divine comment and for what I consider divine intervention on my behalf, I will be eternally grateful."

You're Invited . . .

Join author **Marlene LeGates**, instructor with Capilano College's History, Social Sciences department, at two events to launch her new book: **Making Waves: A History of Feminism in Western Society**.

Book Launch and Reception

September 12, 1 to 2 p.m.

Women's Centre

Capilano College

Library building, room 137

Meet the author and have your copy signed. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Reading and Discussion

September 18, 7:30 p.m.

North Shore Women's Centre

3093 Lonsdale Avenue

North Vancouver

984-6009

Wine and cheese reception to follow.

For more information, please call 986-1911, local 2643

Three New Faces on Capilano College Foundation Board

The Capilano College Foundation introduced at its June annual general meeting three new members of the 1996/97 Board of Directors.

Gregory D. Aasen, chief operating officer of PMC-Sierra, Inc.; **Stan Feingold**, creative director of The Eyes Multimedia Inc.; and, **Claude LeBlanc**, vice-president, Community Banking, Bank of Montreal, join the Board for a two-year term, which can be renewed to a maximum of six consecutive years.

W. Gordon Lancaster, senior vice-president and chief financial officer of the Vancouver International Airport Authority, is the incumbent president of the Foundation. **Phillip J. Armer**, former senior vice-president of the Bank of Nova Scotia, B.C. and Yukon Region, also returns as the Foundation Board's vice-president.

"This year's additions to the Foundation's Board of Directors mirror, in part, the changing world that Capilano College students face in today's job market," Lancaster says. "Our three new Board members join us from business communities that reflect the growing and fast-paced worlds of information, technology, and financial services. I thank them in advance for their investment in their communities and their commitment to supporting Capilano College."

Foundation directors are collectively responsible for soliciting, receiving and managing donations for Capilano College. They develop programs and activities to increase fundraising, volunteer involvement and financial support.

Staff Career Development

Back to School?

Working at Cap, it's impossible to avoid the fact that September means back to school for many people — so, don't forget that College courses are also available to staff members, free of charge under certain circumstances. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity to pursue your interests, education and/or professional upgrading, refer to article 29.10 of the OPEIU Collective Agreement.

This states that "Any employee with an employment status of twenty (20) or more hours per week may register for unlimited Capilano College credit courses without payment of tuition fees and registration fees and may register for three (3) Capilano College extension service courses (credit free) in any calendar year without payment of tuition fees."

Certain conditions apply, so please check the Collective Agreement or contact Personnel if you are not sure of your eligibility.

Planning for the Future

After focusing on the College's Strategic Plan for our spring series of workshops for staff, the Staff Career Development Committee is doing some strategic planning of its own! Past and present committee members and chairs gathered in June for a brainstorming session, which proved to be a very successful mix of "historic perspective" and new ideas to deal with current issues. The hard-working participants were: **Elin Brnjac, Kathy Chute, David DeMuynck, Jane Hamilton, Lynne Hamilton, Di Knight, Judith Hall, Val Lautenschlager, Liz Morton, Susan Rodgers, Lynne Somerville, Bob Walker, and Wendy Weberg.** As well as developing some strategic directions for the committee, we'll be looking at a number of issues in the coming months, including alternatives for staff seeking funding for career development, subcommittees and advisory groups, partnering with other groups or organizations to present workshops, and making full use of relevant College resources. Stay tuned!



Taking a break at the "Six Thinking Hats" workshop earlier this year are, from front left, Joan Hollman, Judi Fletcher, Gail Owen, SCD Committee member Lynne Somerville, past member Wendy Weberg, past chair David DeMuynck, and Laraine Hamilton.

So Long, Farewell . . .


At the end of August, my brief tenure as chair of the Staff Career Development Committee will come to an end, as I am leaving my position as publicist in Contract Services and Extension Programs to become a full-time student again. It has been a rewarding experience, and the committee members have been a pleasure to work with. I encourage anyone who has been thinking about getting involved to consider participating on the committee. Feel free to contact any of the members listed below if you have any questions — and we're always interested in your ideas as well!

— Liz Morton

Staff Career Development Committee

Elin Brnjac, local 2549
Kathy Chute, local 2577
Val Lautenschlager, local 2058
Liz Morton, *chair*, local 2907
Susan Rodgers, local 2707
Lynne Somerville, local 2392





Capilano College Piano Sale

Capilano College is renewing its stock of pianos. Through agreement with Kawai Music Canada Ltd. the College is hosting a sale of pianos on campus. More than 80 pianos will be available, including grands, uprights, and digitals in many sizes and finishes. Some are less than one year old, and others have been professionally refurbished. Brand names include Kawai and other well known brands. **For further information or to schedule an appointment it is important to call toll free (604) 451-5758.**

Friday, September 13 – 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, September 14 – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, September 15 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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